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Baltimore County Man Sentenced to 40 Years for Large Scale Narcotics Trafficking *Multi-Agency Effort Led to Arrest and Indictment*

BALTIMORE, MD (December 30, 2016) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that the Honorable Robert Cahill, Jr. of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County sentenced Charles Davenport, 29, to 40 years in jail with all but 25 years suspended for conspiracy to distribute heroin and cocaine, possession with the intent to distribute heroin, and possession of large amounts of heroin. This case was the product of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police and the Baltimore Police Department.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office indicted Davenport in early 2016 for his role as a kingpin of a criminal organization trafficking illegal narcotics throughout the Baltimore region. Davenport's criminal record includes various firearm, drug possession, and drug trafficking offenses.

"Charles Davenport is one of the many individuals who has profited through organized crime, exploited the drug addiction of others, and contributed to intolerable levels of violence in Baltimore City," said Attorney General Frosh. "I commend the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police, the Baltimore Police Department, as well as the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office for their hard work and collaboration on this case."

"This sentencing represents the kind of strategic partnership that law enforcement needs to continue to get the poison that is heroin off our streets," said Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger. "Heroin deaths are at an all-time high. With the hard work of all the agencies involved we were able to get a dangerous drug dealer off the streets. We thank the Attorney General for his leadership in coordinating this effort."

"An investigation such as this shows how federal, state, and local law enforcement can utilize all of their specific skill sets in a cohesive manner and remove a large scale drug trafficker from the streets," said Drug Enforcement Administration Assistant Special Agent in Charge Don Hibbert.

"This successful investigation was the result of the combined efforts of local, state and federal law enforcement working to combat heroin trafficking in our state," said Maryland State Police

Superintendent Colonel William Pallozzi. “We will continue to actively address this threat as we work to save the lives of Marylanders from the devastating effects of heroin.”

“Collaboration is key when it comes to investigating those who choose to use illegal activity as their method of operation,” said Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis. “I am proud of the work that these officers and detectives have done to put forth a case that resulted in a significant sentence for a man who chose to continuously sell large amounts of heroin and cocaine in our region.”

“My office is committed to working with our state, local and federal partners to remove those individuals who are victimizing our communities by distributing large amounts of narcotics,” said Baltimore City Sheriff John W. Anderson. “This case is an excellent example of cooperative law enforcement, and I am proud that the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office had a major role in this investigation.”

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorneys General Melissa E. Hoppmeyer and Joan “Cassie” Mathias, and Baltimore County Assistant State’s Attorney Daniel Trimble.